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ABSTRACT

This book records the history of schools attended by Americans of Japanese ancestry, focusing on efforts by the Japanese community in California to maintain its linguistic and cultural heritage. The main focus of the book is on the period from the early 20th century to World War II. The book examines conditions during the War and in the postwar era to the present. The coverage identifies the difficulties experienced by the ancestors of the "model minority," from the San Francisco Japanese school-children segregation in the early part of this century to the private school control laws in the 1920s. The book surveys the lives of Japanese Americans as college students in Japan in the 1930s and examines Japanese communities in Hawaii and Brazil. The seven chapters include: (1) "Cherishing Our Heritage: Language and Heritage Maintenance Efforts in America"; (2) "Early Settlers: Early Japanese Immigrants and Education of the Nisei"; (3) "Struggles of Japanese Immigrants"; (4) "Nationalistic Sentiment and Japanese-Language Schools, 1927-1941"; (5) "The Bridge of Understanding over the Pacific: The Nisei in Japan"; (6) "Possibilities and Limitations: Japanese-Language Schools in Other Parts of the World"; and (7) "Language and Heritage Maintenance Efforts During and After World War II: Epilogue--Beyond Language and Cultural Barriers." (EH)

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